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**Wal-Mart Repays Iowa Medicaid Program \$8,727.53**

DES MOINES, IOWA (December 20, 2004) – Wal-Mart has paid \$8,727.53 to Iowa’s Medicaid Program to settle allegations under the federal False Claims Act that the company billed the state’s medical assistance program for partially-filled prescriptions. The Arkansas-based company is alleged to have dispensed partial or “short” prescriptions due to insufficient stock, but received full payment from the Iowa Medicaid Program. Wal-Mart also paid an additional \$2,909.18 to the State as penalty monies.

The settlement, part of a nationwide agreement in which Wal-Mart agreed to pay \$2,866,904 to the United States and 49 states, covers the time period from January 1, 1990 to December 31, 2000. In addition to the \$2.8 million payment, Wal-Mart has reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Inspector General that the company’s conduct will be monitored by the government under a four-year corporate integrity agreement.

The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals’ (DIA) Medicaid Fraud Control Unit assisted with the Wal-Mart investigation in the State of Iowa.